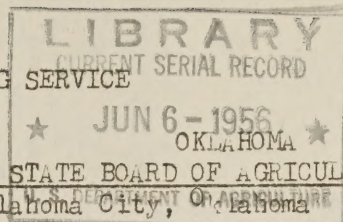


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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS FOR 1956

The Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Services makes the following report for the United States, on the indicated acreage of certain crops in 1956 based upon reports from farmers in all parts of the country on or about March 1 regarding their acreage plans for the 1956 season. The acreages for 1956 are interpretations of reports from growers and are based on past relationships between such reports and acreages actually planted. The purpose of this report is to assist growers generally in making such further changes in their acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreages actually planted in 1956 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated, by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions, the agricultural program, and the effect of this report itself upon farmers' actions.

OKLAHOMA: The March survey of planting intentions indicates that the acreage of Oklahoma crops planted in 1956 will be smaller than in 1955. The acreage to be planted to CORN is indicated at 342,000 acres, a reduction of 2 percent from 1955. This would be the smallest corn acreage of record. According to the survey, farmers intend to plant 1,218,000 acres of OATS or 13 percent less than the 1,400,000 acres planted last year. The acreage of BARLEY is indicated at 320,000 acres, 14 percent less than last year. The acreage of ALL SORGHUMS is indicated at 2,069,000 acres compared with 2,325,000 acres in 1955. However actual plantings will be influenced by the abandonment of wheat and also by moisture conditions at planting time. The acreage of ALL HAY is indicated at 1,567,000 acres or 6 percent less than last year. The 1956 acreage of PEANUTS is indicated at 132,000 acres compared with 145,000 acres in 1955, a reduction of 9 percent. COTTON and BROOMCORN are not included in the March survey. Moisture received since the second week of October is only one-fifth of the normal amount received for that period. Because of the dry situation many farmers are unable to make definite plans in mid-March but must adjust their plans at planting time.

UNITED STATES: Farmers intend to plant 78,686,000 acres of CORN in 1956 compared with 81,577,000 acres in 1955. The 1956 acreage of OATS is indicated at 46,063,000 acres compared with 48,021,000 acres last year. The acreage of ALL SORGHUMS is indicated at 24,198,000 acres compared with 24,113,000 acres in 1955.

PLANTED ACREAGES

CROP	OKLAHOMA				UNITED STATES			
	Average:		Indica-		Average:		Indica-	
	:1945-54:		:1955:		:1945-54:		:1955:	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	Percent	(000)	(000)	(000)	Percent
Corn, All	1,007	349	342	98	84,815	81,577	78,686	96
Oats	985	1,400	1,218	87	44,307	48,021	46,063	96
Barley	138	372	320	86	11,713	16,102	14,773	92
Sorghums, All	1,616	2,325	2,069	89	14,383	24,113	24,198	100
Potatoes	10.2	3.0	2.8	93	1,858	1,452	1,394	96
Sweetpotatoes	4.8	3.5	2.8	80	466	364	323	89
Soybeans 1/	54	50	45	90	14,290	19,669	21,760	111
Peanuts 1/	213	145	132	91	2,943	2,004	1,923	96
Hay 2/	1,430	1,667	1,567	94	73,836	73,984	74,305	100

1/ Grown alone for all purposes.

2/ Acreage harvested.

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